

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory LaPointe on 05 October 2009.

The following editorial changes have been made to place the application in condition for allowance:

In the Claims:

In claim 16, line 2: "the rock surface" has been changed to --a rock surface--

In claim 16, lines 14 - 15: "the internal surface and external surface each have a profile which are complimentary in shape" has been changed to --the internal surface and the external surface each has a profile which is complimentary in shape to each other--

In claim 17, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 18, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 18, line 3: "wide portion" has been changed to --wide portions--

In claim 20, line 2: "the rock surface" has been changed to --a rock surface--

In claim 20, lines 13 - 15: "the internal surface and external surface each have a profile which are complimentary in shape" has been changed to --the internal surface and the external surface each has a profile which is complimentary in shape to each other--

In claim 21, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 21, line 2: "the full length" has been changed to --a full length--

In claim 21, line 3: "the region" has been changed to --a region--

In claim 22, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 23, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 24, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 25, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 26, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 27, line 2: "the rock surface" has been changed to --a rock surface--

In claim 27, lines 13 - 15: "the internal surface and external surface each have a profile which are complimentary in shape" has been changed to --the internal surface and the external surface each has a profile which is complimentary in shape to each other--

In claim 28, line 1: "A yielding rock bolt" has been changed to --The yielding rock bolt--

In claim 29, line 2: "the rock surface" has been changed to --a rock surface--

In claim 29, lines 13 - 15: "the internal surface and external surface each have a profile which are complimentary in shape" has been changed to --the internal surface and the external surface each has a profile which is complimentary in shape to each other--

In claim 30, line 3: "the first end" has been changed to --a first end--

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN D. ANDRISH whose telephone number is (571)270-3098. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 7:30am - 5:00pm, Alternate Fri off, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on (571) 272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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